derived from the Sarnath Combalem but did not instal the statue of great Ashoka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The adoption as national emblem the Dhamm-Chakra of great emperor Ashoka derived from the Sarnath Column and the installation of a statue are not inter-related. For the purpose of adoption of the emblem, the installation of Ashoka's statue was not required.

Breaches in Bhakhra Main Canal and Narwana Tributary

3474. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhakhra Main River Canal and Narwana Branch carrying Haryana's water from the main rivers through the territory of Punjab to Haryana, has been breached/cuts at a dozen places in Punjab territory during the current floods;

(b) if the answer to the part (a) is in affirmative whether the breaches / cuts have been plugged; if not, by what time these are likely to be plugged;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is acute famine of water and the paddy crop has started withering in Haryana on account of breaches/cuts, in the above mentioned canals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) There was no breach in the Bhakhra Main Line. However, Narwana Branch was breached in 25 places.

(b) The work of plugging these breaches was taken up on priority basis and army's help was also sought. The work of strengthening and raising is in progress.

(c) and (d) All efforts are being made to complete the work of strengthening and raising the banks at the locations of the breaches by State Government.

Setting up of Monitoring Committee to implement Tribunal's Award on Cauvery

3475. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps so far have been taken to constitute a Monitoring Committee upon which the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had ended her indefinite fast;

(b) if a Committee had already been set up, the details thereof and how the Committee is going to implement the Cauvery Water Dispute's Tribunal Awards; and

(c) what steps the Central Government are taking to direct the Karnataka Government to fully implement the above said tribunal award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES ((SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) and (b) Ministry of Water Resources has convened a meeting on 26.8.93 of the Chief Secretaries of the basin States to take stock of availability of flow data and decide upon appropriate mechanisms to monitor ground data regarding inflow and outflow in Cauvery basin.

(c) The Central Government has already notified the order of the Tribunal

on 10.12.1991 making it final and binding on the Party States. Now it is for the Basin States to give effect to it.

बरगी बांध में जल भंडारण

3476. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बरगी बांध में इस वर्ष जल-स्तर तक जल भण्डारण न करने के आदेश दिए गए हैं ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) बरगी बांध के गेट खोलकर जल निकासी का निर्देश किसने दिया है और किस उद्देश्य से जल निकासी की जा रही है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी. के. थुंगन) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) बांध की सुरक्षा को ध्यान में रखते हुए राज्य द्वारा बनाये गये परियोज के प्रचालन मैनुअल में निर्धारित दि निर्देशों के अनुसार द्वारों का प्रचालन किया जाता है।

Special Water Management Schemes

3477. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Underground water table is gradually receding on the other hand millions of cusecs of water flows down to the sea;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cyclic drought and flood is ravaging Northern, Eastern and North-Eastern States; and

(c) if so, what special water management scheme have been taken up by Government to face the situation with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN HE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH AND ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Both rise and fall in ground water levels have been observed to occur in localised pockets of the country. It is also a fact that large quantity of water flows down to the sea through the river systems during monsoon period.

(b) Floods during the monsoon season is a common phenomenon in the Northern, Eastern and the North-Eastern parts of the country whereas some of the northern and eastern States have drought prone areas.

(c) A national perspective for water resources development prepared by Government envisages interlinkages between the various peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water-rich basins to water-short basins for optimum utilisation of water resources. Besides structural measures of flood control, greater emphasis is being given to measures like flood plain zoning, flood proofing and monitoring and evaluation of the completed food management schemes.

उत्तर प्रदेश में जनजातीय लोगों की कृषि योग्य भूमि

3478. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में जनजातीय लोगों की कृषि योग्य भूमि का कितना क्षेत्र सरकार द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई सिंचाई सुविधाओं के अन्तर्गत आता है ;